

**Twenty Third Meeting of the
Informal South Pacific ATS Co-ordinating Group (ISPACG/23)**

Santiago, Chile, 26-27 March 2009

Agenda Item 4: Review Open Action Items

ISPACG/23

(Presented by IATA)

SUMMARY

IATA supports the efforts of ISPACG to deliver operational efficiencies.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In the current climate IATA finds that it is unable to attend ISPACG/23.
- 1.2 It is well recognised that ISPACG represents one of the most pro-active forums that continues to deliver efficiencies to its stakeholders. ISPACG is an example of what can be achieved through collaboration and is an example to other regions. IATA will continue to support the efforts of ISPACG and hopes to be able to attend the next meeting.
- 1.3 Two particular issues of note are discussed below.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 IATA fully supports the development of the Global Operational Datalink Document. This represents increased harmonisation and standardisation of procedures meeting ICAO principles and improving safety and efficiency. IATA looks forward to its completion and calls on all stakeholders support for development.
- 2.2 IATA is concerned with the continuity of satellite performance and that operations may be severely impacted with an interruption in service. Aviation globally is placing increased reliance on satellite datalink and many operational enhancements are reliant on this technology. With regions now developing plans beyond 2020, it is vitally important that the performance of the satellite network can be relied upon. All options must be reviewed to ensure that the investment required will support the industry in the long term. APANPIRG/19 agreed that the issue should be addressed early and

invited ICAO to convene a meeting of stakeholders to review the existing and proposed future arrangements for satellite datalink communication in the region. IATA supports these efforts to resolve the issue.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the contents of this paper.